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Indictment returned in November 15th National City Bank armed bank robbery

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that today, a federal grand jury in Milwaukee returned an indictment against two individuals in connection with the November 15, 2007, armed and masked robbery of the National City Bank located at 7501 W. Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee.

Wesley Hoze (21) and Michael Stribling (21), both residents of Milwaukee, have been indicted for their alleged roles in the armed bank robbery. Two masked individuals allegedly robbed the bank; one displayed a firearm, while the other robbed the bank of more than \$2,000. When the two suspects left the bank, they led police on a high-speed car chase which lasted for several miles.

The two are charged with armed bank robbery and using a firearm to commit a crime of violence. If convicted, they face up to 20 years in federal prison on the bank robbery, and up to life in prison on the firearms count.

The public is reminded that an indictment is the formal means by which a person is charged with a federal criminal offense. No inference of guilt is to be drawn from the indictment. The defendant is presumed innocent until, if ever, he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a court of law.

The case was jointly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Milwaukee Police Department. Questions about this case should be directed to First Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Jacobs at 414-297-1702.